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**Attention: Annette M. Thompson (Examiner)**  
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**Application Serial No.: 09/896,059**  
**Filing date: June 29, 2001**  
**Date: March 8, 2004**

**Dear Examiner:**

Pursuant to your request, we are enclosing a copy of the Amendment to Final Office Action that was filed on January 26, 2004. We are also enclosing copies of the Request for Extension of Time, check in the amount of 73.00 and return post card that were submitted therewith.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you any questions.

Very truly yours

  
**Kenroy A. Browne**  
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**enc.**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bhattacharya et al.  
 Serial No.: 09/896,059  
 For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED  
 CIRCUITS WITH TARGETED QUALITY OBJECTIVES  
 USING DYNAMICALLY GENERATED BUILDING BLOCKS  
 Filing Date: June 29, 2001  
 Examiner: Thompson, Annette M.  
 Art Unit: 2825  
 Confirmation No.: 9475  
 Customer No.: 27623

Attorney Docket: 162.7107USU

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 P.O. BOX 1450  
 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$55.00 (small entity) to extend the time for filing this response until January 26, 2004.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	63	Minus	61	2	x \$18.00	\$36.00
Independent Claims	8	Minus	8	0	x \$86.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$280.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$36.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$18.00	

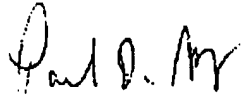
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$73.00.

XXX A check is the amount of \$73.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

January 26, 2004

Date

  
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